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To whom may concern,

As a licensed Amateur Radio Operator since 1959, and holder of a Commercial General Radiotelephone License since 1981 (and working in avionics as a technician in both industry and the military), I have reviewed this proposal by NCVEC. I feel this one is the LEAST desirable of the four petitions now pending, especially for the novice, or entry level license.

In doing away with the cw requirement, and allowing phone hf privileges, without a more comprehensive exam to test a beginner's knowledge of basic electronics and RF principles, this proposal will do a great disservice to amateur radio by eroding and watering down the entrance requirements.

Another problem with this proposal is the requirement for a beginner to use commercial equipment and thus hampering the beginner in not being able to either build simple equipment or assemble kits. This will deprive the beginner of the traditional "hands on" experience which has been characteristic of ham radio from its inception.

The net result of the beginner losing the opportunity to "learn by doing" with this proposal as presented (with the cw requirement eliminated) and if the exam is not restructured by eliminating the published question pools, and initiating a more comprehensive exam system, the result will be to generate an "appliance operator" mindset and thus promote the CB mentality in the amateur radio service.

For these reasons, I am adamantly opposed to RM-10870, the NCVEC proposal as I feel this would NOT benefit the amateur radio service in the long term, and would just contribute to its demise.

My hope is that you will reject this proposal as it stands, in light of the fact that would severely hamper a beginners opportunity to learn and thus contribute to ham radio. Thank you for your time and attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

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